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REMARKS

Claims 30-39 are now in the case.

Claims 4-29 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.
Claims 30 to 39 remain unchanged.

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the allowance of claims 30-39.

Applicant also thanks Primary Examiner Shukla and Examiner Hama for the Teleconference of February 14, 2005 with Patent agent Julie Gauvreau. Also present were Charles Goyer and Mélanie Carpentier who are also involved in the prosecution of this case. Although useful suggestions concerning the possibility of overcoming 35 U.S.C. 112 first and second paragraphs were made, Applicant has decided not to amend the objected claims and to cancel without prejudice claims 4-8 and 24-29 in order to expedite the prosecution and grant of a patent on allowed claims 30-39 . No prior art was discussed during the interview.

For the record, Applicant still believes that he is entitled to the subject matter of the cancelled claims and reserves the right to submit the cancelled subject matter in other applications.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 FIRST AND SECOND PARAGRAPHS

In view of the cancellation of claims 4-8 and 24 to 29, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first and second paragraphs have been rendered moot.

CONCLUSIONS

The rejections of the claims are believed to have been overcome by the present amendments and remarks. From the foregoing, Applicants respectfully

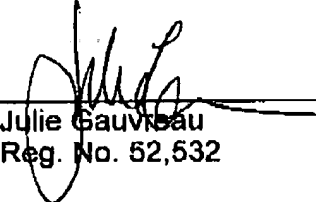
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submit that a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account no. 07-1742 for any deficiencies or overages in connection with this response.

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